

March 24, 2005

Notes to the town

As March rolls to a quick end, we find ourselves heading into the busy outdoor season with anticipation. New green shoots are found in the gardens and plantings are about ready to begin for local green peas. How fast the seasons come and go.

Wind Energy has made a large impact in our area as we are viewed as an area of interest. Landowners are being educated and sought for site location of wind turbines. As a Town Board we are spending much time learning and gathering information. The Planning Board will have this issue to work hand in hand with us. Town has the ability to enact a moratorium on locating wind turbines until such time as we have codes and zoning in place. On farm turbines for farm use are exempt from that moratorium. We will update this column as we move forward, learn and listen to your input.

Consultants for our joint grant with the Village for a feasibility study for a trail from village to Buttermilk Falls has progressed to the point where the small committee will see a first draft of the trail feasibility route. After receiving a nod from the small committee a meeting will be set to share the proposed trail route to the community. We look forward to your input and participation at that time. Meeting notice will be posted at Town and Village Halls and in newspaper too. Reminder to all, this is a feasibility study, not a to be built trail at this time. Our community as a result of the feasibility study will decide whether to move forward on construction of a trail.

By way of cooperation the two municipal Planning Boards have been merged into one. Through term attrition the board will by 2008 be at seven members and an alternate. Organizational meeting held in February saw the board elect Bob Dawley as Chairman and Steve Craver as Vice Chairman. Congratulations to the entire membership for their commitment and dedication to the constant formation of our community and the planning role in it. Planning Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall. General public is always welcome.

To support the newly formed board, the Town and Village together has applied for a Quality Community Grant to pay for the joining and updating of our codes and zoning in the respective municipality, and one comprehensive plan for the community of LeRoy. We are ahead of the game with our comprehensive plans as they reference each other as stand alone documents and echo similar ideas along the boundary areas.

By way of follow through, this year the Town Assessor's office is hosting two educational seminars on annual re-assessment and what it means to property landowners. Plan on joining GAR Associates at one of the two sessions. Thursday, March 29th at 6:00 PM at Town Hall or Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 AM in Town Hall. To reserve your spot please call GAR at 1-800-836-0382, ext 3007. As a reminder, the role of an assessor is to fairly distribute a tax levy on property, actually, a taxpayer's advocate for fairness.

At our April 14th regular Town Board meeting, we will be holding a Public Hearing for the request by petition for a Light District on Linwood Road. This finishes a public request to create a district for street lighting on Linwood Road by those residents by a majority vote (formal Petition). All associated costs for the creation of the district and cost of lighting will be bore by the property owners in the district. Please plan on attending Public Hearing that begins at 7:00PM at Town Hall.

On April 15th, Supervisor Stein has the unique opportunity to share with state representatives the rationale and logic followed by the municipal boards in creating one planning board for LeRoy. A forum hosted by Genesee County Chamber of Commerce focuses on Public Sector collaboration/consolidation will highlight the efforts of the community of LeRoy to share our experiences and enthusiasm for reducing costs and retaining services. The forum will be held at the Batavia City Centre at 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM during the chamber's Small Business week 2005 celebration. For more information on activities that week go to www.geneseeny.com.

Spring is the time to really clean out the stored large refuse items around your property. Just in time for the month of April Roll-offs at the Transfer Station on Circular Hill Road. Months of April, July and October there are Roll-offs available for large refuse items. Transfer Station is open to all resident of LeRoy on Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Recyclables are free. Refuse in a 30-gallon garbage bag is \$1.50 per bag. Punch Cards for Transfer Station are available at Town Hall from the Town Clerk. Town Clerk hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. No refuse is accepted without a punch card. Absolutely no cash transactions are accepted.

Substantial aid by way of grants from State Senator Mary Lou Rath and Assemblyman Charlie Nesbitt we are able to install a back up emergency generator at Town Hall. The planning and constructing is underway. Many thanks for the support of these state officials for this project and capacity building at Town Hall.

Highway staff is at work with fixing and repairing equipment from the heavy use of the winter. Pothole repairs on roadways of the town are also on the daily work list. The older loader and lift gate truck are receiving attention that will ensure many years of use to come.

Town Clerk Canfield will be collecting 2005 County and Town Tax Bills until Thursday, March 31, 2005. Her office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. All unpaid tax bills will be returned to the Genesee County Treasurer after that date for final collection. This is a change from the past practice. Please note the change.

Reports:

Recreation Director is hosting a school break program at Town Hall this week. Other programs are in the planning stages and she is gearing up for staffing of summer programs.

Senior Citizen Activity: Help for your taxes! On Tuesdays in LeRoy at the Greens on West Avenue free tax preparation is available for you! Service is available for Senior Citizens, one would need to schedule an appointment and have all income information with you for tax

preparation. Some items would include: W-2, 1099's, Social Security Income statements and interest statements, retirements and dividends. Call the Greens 768-2740 to schedule your appointment. This service is available through April 12th in LeRoy. To date 50 tax forms have been prepared. For further questions call the Genesee County Senior Center at 343-1611.

Code Enforcement Officer has completed training last week and we look forward to the implementation of new material for the benefits of LeRoy.

Assessor is completing review booklets for the public as a tool for assessment review. Coupled with the assessment education seminars, our citizens and assessor will be able to act in tandem as advocates of the taxpaying public. An equal distribution of tax levy is the community goal. Together, it will happen again this year.

Please remember to license your dog if over the age of 4 months. Required information: current rabies certificate, owner name and address. Dog license is \$5.00 for a spayed or neutered animal or \$13.00 if not. All dogs in the Town of LeRoy over the age of 4 months must be licensed. This can be accomplished at Town Clerks' window, or you can mail the above-mentioned information along with payment to Town Clerk and she will return by mail the license and tag. To contact Town Clerk Canfield call 768-6910 ext. 224.

Public Water in the Town:

1. USDA Rural Development application is submitted for Randall/Keeney Roads. We await communication. (Proposed district extension #8)
2. Perry Road residents have submitted to a raw water test. Results are pending.
3. East Bethany/LeRoy, Cole and Bernd Roads results of raw water test showed 16% contamination of coliform bacteria. We feel that there is not enough compelling support to further investigation at this time. We will again look at this need if public support grows.

Our regular meeting schedule for the next month is as follows:

Town Board

Thursday, April 14, 2005	7:00PM	Town Hall
Thursday, April 28, 2005	7:00 PM	Town Hall

Planning Board

Tuesday, April 19, 2005	7:00 PM	Town Hall
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Zoning Board of Appeals

Tuesday, April 26, 2005	7:00 PM	Village Hall
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Recreation Committee

Wednesday, April 6, 2005	7:00 PM	Town Hall
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Please join us for any and all meetings as your schedule allows. From all of the Town of LeRoy elected representatives and staff, a very Happy and Blessed Easter to you and your family.

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